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1. On 18 June [redacted] 16 T-34 tanks with Nos between 11 and 29, 1 armored personnel carrier and 4 sidecar motorcycles were seen passing through Eberswalde, coming from a westerly direction and proceeding toward Oderberg. ¹ Loadings observed at the Eberswalde railroad station included undetermined materiel, and 6 trucks and 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 4 converted boxcars, 13 boxcars and 48 flatcars, on 1 July; and 20 x 37-mm AA guns, 4 x 25-mm AA guns, 54 trucks, 2 AA machine guns, 1 field kitchen and 550 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 12 July. The latter shipment left toward Templin. ²
 2. On 17 June, 22 SU-76 guns, about 12 x 122-mm howitzers, 6 x 120-mm mortars and 4 field kitchens were seen in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Hagenow. On 28 June and 9 July, about 90 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. ³
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3. At 3:15 p.m. on 1 July, a column of 18 trucks occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen in Wismar, en route toward Schwerin. At 3:15 p.m. on 2 July, a shipment of 16 heavy AA guns, 7 x 37-mm AA guns, 5 field kitchens, 34 trucks, including [redacted] and 12 boxcars were unloaded in Wismar. The shipment had arrived from the direction of Schwerin. At 2 p.m. on 3 July, a train of 3 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars, carrying 8 heavy AA guns and 12 trucks, was seen leaving Wismar toward Schwerin. At 8:45 a.m. on 5 July, 7 trucks, towing presumably 76.2-mm AT guns, were seen in Schwerin, coming from the railroad station and, at 10:45 p.m. on 10 July, 14 T-43 tanks were seen en route from the station toward Neue Kaserne. ⁴
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4. At 3:30 p.m. on 8 July, 6 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 6 prime movers, 4 trucks loaded with billeting equipment, 2 sedans, 1 ambulance and 1 field kitchen were at the loading ramp of the Wildpark freight station. About 40 to 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entraining a gun. The motor vehicle [redacted] ⁵
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5. At 3:15 p.m. on 12 July, a train of 15 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars, carrying 12 heavy AA guns, 30 trucks and 1 sedan, was seen in Bad Kleinen, en route toward Schwerin. ⁶

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6. At 8:15 a.m. on 12 July, a train of 21 empty flatcars and other flatcars loaded with 2 SU-249-guns, 4 JS-3 tanks, 8 T-34/85 tanks, and 2 trucks; and 2 converted boxcars was seen on the outer freight ring between Karow and Berlin-Blankenburg, en route toward west. 7
7. During the night on 11 July, numerous tanks were observed near the village of Doeberitz, coming from the direction of Potsdam and proceeding toward Altes Lager. 8
8. Military shipments observed at the Dallgow railroad station between 12 and 14 July included:

12 July. A train of 17 flatcars, 1 boxcar and 6 converted boxcars, carrying 6 x 82-mm mortars, 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 x 122-mm field howitzers, about 12 trucks, including [] and about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; dispatched to Altengrabow.

At 9 a.m., a train of 10 RY-heavy-duty flatcars, 3 flatcars and 3 converted boxcars, carrying 20 T-34/85 tanks, including Nos 174 and 186 and the others with [] 3 trucks with [] and about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; the shipment had arrived from Schoeneweide. 25X1C

At 1 p.m., a train of 14 RY-heavy-duty flatcars, 4 flatcars and 6 converted boxcars, carrying 26 T-34/85 tanks, including Nos 131, 144 and 200; 4 trucks and about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; the train had come from Schoeneweide.

13 July. At 11 a.m., a train of 19 RY-heavy-duty flatcars, 4 flatcars and 6 converted boxcars occupied by 36 T-34/85 tanks, including Nos 84 and 92; 2 SU-100 guns without gun barrels, 4 half-track armored personnel carriers, [] and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, from Schoeneweide. 25X1C

14 July. Two boxcars with ration supplies for Borstel, hauled there by truck [] occupied by troops wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. [] 25X1A

- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. Presumably units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div who transferred from Templin to Bad Freienwalde, as was repeatedly confirmed.

- 25X1A2. [] Comment. It is not entirely impossible that, on 1 July, a headquarters unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army was being entrained for the Tangerhuetten-Bittkau area, where engineer units of the army most probably engaged in exercises since early July. On 12 July, units of the 63d AAA Div (US) presumably were entrained, possibly for Templin or Wustrow.

- 25X1A3. [] Comment. The Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Hagenow is occupied by the 283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The 22 SU-76 guns and field howitzers mentioned in paragraph 2 cannot belong to this regiment. The number of SU-76 guns almost corresponds to the equipment of four motorized rifle regiments and, therefore, is doubted. It is, however, possible that, in conjunction with the rebellion, other troops were temporarily stationed in Hagenow.

- 25X1A4. [] Comment. It is possible that, because of heavy strain on other railroad stations, Wismar was temporarily used as loading and unloading point by AAA units practicing at Wustrow, as was previously indicated by another source. See [] . The AAA unit detrained in Wismar on 2 July belonged to the Third Shock Army, presumably the 3d Gds AAA Div. Units of the division probably were exchanged at Wustrow as, at about the same time, shipments went from Wustrow to Magdeburg. The units detrained in Schwerin on 10 July presumably were units of the 74th (Hv7) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which may have returned from exercises which, according to another source, began on 17 May and lasted 6 weeks.

- 25X1A 5. [] Comment. Probably return shipment of a unit of the 34th Arty Div (US), presumably to Altengrabow, which was previously reported by another source. [] 25X1A

6. [] Comment. Probably return of an AAA unit from Wustrow.

- 25X1A 7. [] Comment. Presumably return of units of the 12th Gds Tank Div from East-Berlin to Neuruppin. [] 25X1A

- 25X1A8. [] Comment. The movements from the direction of Potsdam and the shipments from Schoeneweide involved elements of the 1st Mecz Div which, as had repeatedly been reported, returned to Doeberitz from East-Berlin. The entraining of a mixed artillery shipment of the 1st Mecz Div on 12 July was previously reported by another source.